

DVR Training Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the DVR Training Grant?

The DVR training grant may be paid to eligible DVR consumers who have employment training goals that require going to college, a university, technical college or vocational training program.

2. I am already a student and DVR consumer. Does this new training grant system apply to me?

Yes. Beginning July 1, 2005, the DVR training grant policy applied to **all** DVR consumers attending college, a university, technical college or vocational training.

3. How much money will I get if I get a training grant?

The amount of your training grant will depend on how much financial aid you get from your school and your unmet need. The training grant amount is **up to \$4,000 per academic year for a full-time student**

4. What if I am a part-time student?

Full-time attendance is encouraged but if you are an eligible part-time student enrolled on at least a half-time basis, you may get **up to \$125 per credit**.

5. What do I have to do to get a DVR training grant?

Follow the steps on your *Responsibility Checklist for DVR Consumers Applying for a DVR Training Grant*. You are responsible for making sure that all of the steps are completed.

6. How will I know if I will get a DVR training grant?

Talk to your DVR counselor. They will use your financial aid information from your school to calculate the amount of your training grant.

7. How do I apply for financial aid?

You can talk to your high school counselor or contact the financial aid office of the college or university you plan to attend for information on applying for financial aid.

You can also complete a free application for federal financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

8. When should I apply for financial aid?

If you want to be considered for a DVR training grant, you must apply for financial aid by **April 15**. Applying later than April 15th may cause delays that could negatively affect your eligibility for a DVR training grant.

9. What are considered “disability-related” expenses?

Talk to your DVR counselor if you are not sure what your disability-related education expenses are.

You can also get information about disability-related expenses at http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/fsacoach/lesson5_1/5_1_11.html#.

10. What will happen if I don't apply for financial aid?

DVR cannot consider you for a DVR training grant if you haven't applied for financial aid.

11. Will the DVR training grant affect my student loans?

If you choose to take student loans, your DVR training grant may be reduced to make sure that you do not get an over-award.

12. What will happen if I get an over-award?

If you get an over-award, you will have to pay back the extra money you received, even if you have already spent it.

13. What will happen if I don't agree to let DVR and my financial aid office share information about my financial aid?

DVR cannot consider you for a DVR training grant if you do not agree to let DVR and your financial aid office share information about your financial aid.

14. How will I get the money?

If you are eligible for a training grant, DVR will send you a check. The full amount of your training grant will be divided into equal payments by academic year semesters or quarters. For example, if your school's academic year is divided into two semesters, your DVR training grant will be divided into two equal payments, paid to you at the beginning of each semester.

Before you can get your training grant check for the second semester/quarter, you must give your DVR counselor a copy of your grade report for the previous semester/quarter.

15. What will happen if I don't finish my training program in the time recommended by the school?

You are encouraged to attend full time and complete the course of studies within the time specified by the curriculum. If you are approved for extended attendance, DVR will provide payment for up to one extra semester or quarter for every year required by the curriculum. (Maximum - 1 extra semester/2 extra quarters for a vocational diploma; 2 extra semesters/3 extra quarters for an associate degree; 4 extra semesters/6 extra quarters for a bachelor's degree; 2 extra semesters/3 extra quarters for an advanced degree; etc.).

16. What will happen if I have to drop out of my training for disability reasons?

If there is a change in your life that makes it impossible for you to continue in your training program, talk to your DVR counselor immediately. They can work with you to make changes to your employment plan to help you achieve your employment goal.

17. What should I do if I think I have a special circumstance related to my disability that affects my training program?

If you think that there is a disability-related circumstance that will affect your training program, talk to your DVR counselor immediately.